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FOR THE

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GRAFTON COUNTY PUBLISHING CO.
WOODSVILLE, N. H.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator,	James F. Leonard
Clerk,	W. W. Eastman
Selectmen,	J. Boutin, L. A. Collins, I. E. Elliott
Treasurer,	S. H. Dexter
Collector,	Lee B. McKean
Supervisors,	G. H. Clark, V. A. Brooks, H. H. Elliott
Sextons,	G. H. Clark, James Crimmins
Road Agents,	S. H. Dexter, Napoleon Boutin
Surveyors of Wood and Lumber,	W. W. Eastman, G. N. Belyea
Library Trustees,	W. W. Eastman, A. U. Mardin, James F. Leonard L. H. Parker, S. H. Dexter, W. W. Eastman
School Board,	S. H. Dexter, N. Burke, J. F. Leonard
Auditor,	J. F. Leonard
Constable,	V. A. Brooks
Fence Viewers,	G. H. Clark, V. A. Brooks
Librarian	W. W. Eastman
Poundkeeper,	J. E. Cox

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton, in the County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Benton on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers here tofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To choose one Selectman for 3 years.

Article 4. To choose one or more Highway Agents for the ensuing year, not to exceed three.

Article 5. To choose one Library Trustee for 3 years.

Article 6. To choose one Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 years.

Article 7. To choose one Trustee of the Trust Funds for 2 years.

Article 8. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and building bridges for the ensuing year.

Article 11. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for State Aid Maintenance for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see if the town will raise money to fight White Pine Blister, and if so, what amount.

Article 14. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Memorial for the ensuing year.

Article 15. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay on Town Debt.

Article 16. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Other Town Charges for the ensuing year.

Article 17. To choose all other necessary Town Officers and transact any other business thought proper when met.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on the credit of the town until such time as the taxes may be collected.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the town will raise for State Aid Construction for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of February 1926.

JOHN BOUTIN,
L. A. COLLINS,
I. E. ELLIOTT,

Selectmen of Benton.

A True Copy Attest:

JOHN BOUTIN,
L. A. COLLINS,
I. E. ELLIOTT,

Selectmen of Benton.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTMEN

For the convenience of the voters the Seelctmen give the following suggestions for amounts to be raised at the Town Meeting for 1926:

For Maintenance of Trunk Lines	
For State Aid Construction	
For State Aid Maintenance	
For Highways and Bridges,	\$700 00
For Library	15 00
For Memorial Day	15 00
For Paying of Town Debt and Interest	550 00
For Other Town Charges	250 00

APPROPRIATIONS

Highways and Bridges	\$700 00
Trunk Line Maintenance	714 67
State Aid Maintenance	500 00
Town Charges	250 00
Library	15 00
Memorial	11 81
Dues for Tax Assessors	2 00
State Tax	480 00
County Tax	417 00
To pay on Town Debt	150 00
Total	\$3,240 48

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Amount raised for all purposes	\$1,200 00
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INVENTORY

Of the Town of Benton, April 1, 1925

Polls @ \$3 each (84)	\$ 252 00
Land and Buildings ,less exemptions	204,248 00
Horses,	3,800 00
Oxen, 4	325 00
Cows,	7,215 00
Neat Stock,	1,440 00
Sheep, 2	16 00
Fowls, 320	320 00
Vehicles, 2	350 00
Portable Mills, 2	300 00
Wood, 4 foot, 45 cords,	270 00
Lumber in logs, 100,000 ft.,	1,400 00

Total exclusive of exemption,	\$219,684 00
Amount of Taxes committed to Collector	\$4,890 33
Uncollected	\$7 05
Average rate percent of taxes for all purposes per each one hundred dollars	\$2 11

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$2,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	200 00
Library Furniture and Equipment	250 00
Highway Department Equipment	200 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	1,200 00
Equipment	500 00
Union Church	2,000 00

Total	\$6,350 00
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Benton in Grafton County for the
fiscal year ending Jan. 31st, 1926.

ASSETS

Cash on hand,	\$1,716 02
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LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by Town:	
Note at Lisbon Savings Bank	\$1,000 00
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Excess of assets over liabilities,	\$716 02

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Committed to Collector, 1925	\$4,890 33	
Less Uncollected	7 05	
	<hr/>	\$4,883 33

From State:

State Aid Maintenance	\$479 81	
Trunk Line Maintenance	1,081 14	
Railroad Tax	52 72	
Savings Bank Tax	52 79	
Bounties	130 40	
	<hr/>	\$1,796 86

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	\$54 10	
From Trust Funds	96 97	
From Trustees of Trust Funds		
for work done	41 11	
Permits for Registration of		
Motor Vehicles	227 22	
	<hr/>	\$419 40

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	\$2,000 00	
Forest Reserve	457 15	
Interest and abatement on notes	9 00	
Abatement of State Tax	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,816 15
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1925		451 66
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Grand Total		\$10,367 40

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$245 50
Town officers' expenses	87 21

Protection of Persons and Property:

Bounties	128 80
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Health:

Vital Statistics	4 00
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Highways and Bridges:

State Aid Maintenance	970 27
Trunk Line Maintenance	1,942 45
Town Highways (including water troughs)	774 40

Libraries	15 00
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Memorial Day Exercises	15 35
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Public Enterprises:

Care of Cemeteries	101 16
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Unclassified:

Auto Permits	8 00
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Interest on Temporary Loans	35 65
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Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	2,000 00
Payment on note of Sept. 15, 1924	500 00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes paid to State	480 00
Taxes paid to County	417 00
Payments to School District	1 249 75
Total payments	\$8,974 54
Cash on hand	1,392 86
Grand Total	\$10,367 40

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Report of dog licenses issued in 1925:

20 males	\$39 10
3 females	15 00
Total	\$54 10
Paid Treasurer	\$54 10

W. W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk

Report of Vehicle Tax in 1925:

32 vehicles	\$227 22
Paid Treasurer	\$227 22

W. W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending January 31, 1926

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1926	\$451 66
Received from L. B. McKean, Collector	4,790 24
Received from Temporary Loans	2,000 00
Received from Local Sources other than Taxation	2,913 90
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Total received	\$10,155 80

PAYMENTS

Orders of Selectmen	\$6,477 72
Notes and Interest	2,025 65
Cash on hand	1,652 43
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Total payments	\$10,155 80

STELLA C. DEXTER, Treasurer

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS

W. W. Eastman, Town Clerk	\$30 00
W. W. Eastman, postage and stationery	5 00
G. H. Clark, Supervisor	4 50
V. A. Brooks, Supervisor	4 50
H. H. Elliott, Supervisor	4 50
V. A. Brooks, Dog Killer	5 00
S. H. Dexter, Treasurer	25 00
Lee B. McKean, Collector	50 00
Lee B. McKean, postage and stationery	2 50
J. F. Leonard, Auditor	3 00
J. Boutin, Selectman	47 00
L. A. Collins, Selectman	30 00
I. E. Elliott, Selectman	42 00
Grafton County Publishing Co.	61 42
E. B. Mann & Co., blanks and stationery	3 40
W. T. Farmer, N. H. Association	2 00
John Boutin, Selectmens' expenses	12 89

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Napolion Boutin, Road Agent

Month of April:

N. Boutin and team, 7 1-2 days	52 50
N. Boutin, 4 1-2 days	15 75
Jos. Boutin, 3 1-2 days	12 25
John Boutin and team, 1 day	7 00
I. Elliot, 4 days	14 00
John Boutin, 1-2 day	1 75

Total Month of April	\$103 25
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Month of May:

N. Boutin and team, 8 days	\$ 56 00
N. Boutin and team, 8 1-2 days	59 50
Jos. Boutin, 10 3-4 days	37 52
L. B. McKean, 9 1-2 days	33 25
Jos. Boutin, 13 rails @ 20 cents each	2 60
Jos. Boutin, 20 posts @ 20 cents each	4 00
F. P. Wells, 4 culverts	74 29

Total Month of May	\$267 16
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Month of June:

N. Boutin, 1-2day	1 75
N. Boutin and team, 1-2day	3 50
L. B. McKean, 1-2 day	1 75
Jos. Boutin, 1-2 day	1 75
Scraper bought of N. Burke,	12 00

Total	\$20 75
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Month of August:

N. Boutin, 2 1-2 days	\$ 8 75
J. Boutin and team, 2 days	14 00

I. Elliott and team, 1 day	7 00
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Total Month of August	\$29 75
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Month of November:

N. Boutin, 1day	\$ 3 50
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F. J. Hutchins, 50 loads gravel @ 10 cents	5 00
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J. Boutin, 1-2 day	1 75
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Total Month of November	\$10 25
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Month of January:

J. Boutin and team, 1 day	\$7 00
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Total Month of January	\$7 00
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S. H. Dexter, Road Agent

Month of March:

A. Mardin 1-2 day	\$ 1 75
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A. Mardin and team, 1 day	7 00
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C. C. Hill, 1-2 day	1 75
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F. P. Wells, culverts	64 98
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Total Month of March	\$75 48
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Month of April:

S. H. Dexter and team, 1-2 day	\$ 3 50
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S. H. Dexter and team 1 day	7 00
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L. H. Parker, 1 day	3 50
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L. H. Parker, 3 days	10 50
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O. M. Collins, 4 days	14 00
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R. S. Dexter, 1-2 day	1 75
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V. A. Brooks, 1 day,	3 00
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Total Month of April	\$43 25
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Month of June:

S. H. Dexter, culverts	\$27 36
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A. U. Mardin and team, 1-2 day,	3 50
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S. H.Dexter and team, 1-2 day	3 50
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Total Month of June	\$34 36
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· Month of July:

S. H. Dexter, 1-2 day	\$ 1 75
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L. H. Parker, 4 1-2 days	15 75
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O. M. Collins, 1 day	3 50
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Total Month of July	\$21 00
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Month of September:

S. H. Dexter, team 1 day	\$ 3 50
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S. H. Dexter, team 1-2 day	1 75
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S. H. Dexter, team 1 day	3 50
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S. H. Dexter, team 1 day	3 50
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S. H. Dexter, team 1 day	3 50
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S. H. Dexter and team 1 day	7 00
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L. B. McKean, 2 1-2 days	8 75
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R. Dexter, 1-2 day	1 75
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S. H. Dexter, 15 loads gravel @ 15c	2 25
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S. H. Dexter, 1-2 day	1 75
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Total Month of September	\$37 25
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Month of November:

R. Dexter, 1 day	\$3 50
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S. H. Dexter, 1 load gravel @ 10c,	10
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Total Month of November	\$3 60
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G. N. Belyea, Road Agent

Month of January, 1925:

G. N.Belyea, 4 hours	\$ 1 56
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C. M. Belyea, 4 hours	1 56
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G. N. Belyea and team, 5 hours	3 89
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W. D. Coats and team, 5 hours	3 89
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G. N. Belyea and team, 5 hours	3 89
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W. D. Coats and team, 5 hours	3 89
G. M. Belyea and team, 5 hours	3 89
W. D. Coats and team, 5 hours	3 89
Frank Beaulin, 2 1-2 days	8 75

Total Month of January	\$35 21
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Month of January, 1926:

G. N. Belyea, 1 day	\$ 3 50
W. D. Coats, 1 day	3 50
W. D. Coats, 1 day	3 50
E. E. Merrill and team, 1 day	7 00
G. N. Belyea, 1 day	3 50
G. A. Belyea, 1 day	3 50
G. N. Belyea, 5 hours	1 94

Total Month of January	\$26 44
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Month of July, 1925:

G. N. Belyea and team, 1 day	\$ 7 00
G. N. Belyea, 1 day	3 50

Total Month of July	\$10 50
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JOHN BOUTIN,
IRA E. ELLIOTT,
LEE H. COLLINS,

Selectmen of Benton.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Ira Whitcher fund, care of Mountain View Cemetery:		
Cash on hand January 31, 1925	\$67 99	
Received interest on \$500 U. S. bond	21 26	
Total received	<u> </u>	89 25
Paid out as follows:		
April 11 L. H. Parker, 2 days laying over bank wall		
	\$ 7 00	
S. H. Dexter, 2 days laying over bank wall		
	7 00	
O. M. Collins, 2 days laying over bank wall		
	7 00	
C. C. Tyler use of team 1-2 day		
	1 75	
W. W. Eastman, 1 load gravel		
	15	
L. H. Parker, 1 bag cement		
	1 00	
April 27 L. H. Parker, 1 day painting fence		
	3 50	
E. B. Mann and Co. paint and brush		
	2 15	
Total paid out	<u> </u>	\$29 55
Cash on hand January 30, 1926		<u> </u> \$59 70

LEBINA H. PARKER, Trustee

Reveived of the Whitcher and Mann fund:		
Interest on \$500 U. S. bond		
Care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery		
		\$21 24
Paid out as follows:		
G. H. Clark, sexton, care of Whitcher and Mann lot		
	8 00	
For schools		
	6 62	
For highways		
	6 62	
Total paid out	<u> </u>	\$21 20

Received of the Whitcher and Mann fund:

Interest on \$1,000 U. S. bonds for care of Mountain View cemetery	\$42 50
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton	\$10 54
For schools	15 98
For highways	15 98
Total paid out	<hr/> \$42 50

Received of the Whitcher and Mann fund:

Interest on \$1750 U. S. bond	
For Highways	\$74 37
From Whitcher and Mann lot in cemetery	6 62
From Whitcher and Mann, care of Mountain View cemetery	15 98
Total received	<hr/> \$96 97

Paid out as follows:

Stella Dexter, Town Treasurer,	
For Highway	\$96 97

Received of the Whitcher and Mann fund:

Interest on \$1,750 U. S. Bond	
For Schools	\$74 38
From Whitcher and Mann, lot in cemetery	6 62
From Whitcher and Mann, care of Mountain View cemetery	15 98
Total received	<hr/> \$96 98

Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, school treasurer	\$96 98
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Received of L. H. Parker:

Rent of Mountain View field	\$30 00
Wood to C. C. Tyler	9 00
Total received	<hr/> \$39 00

Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of	
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Parker, Cowing and Bowman lots in Mountain View cemetery	\$7 50
L. H. Parker, for dressing and delivering same	15 00
L. H. Parker, cutting bushes etc	7 00
O. M. Collins, cutting bushes etc	7 00
Elmore Tyler, cutting bushes etc	2 50
Total paid out	<hr/> \$39 00

Received of Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on \$134.71, J. C. Speed fund, care of lot in Mountain View cemetery	\$6 10
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of lot in Mountain View cemetery	\$6 10
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Received of the Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on \$200 Whitcher and Kendall fund, care of lot in Mountain View cemetery	\$9 09
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of Whitcher and Kendall lot in Mountain View cemetery	\$9 09
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Received of Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on \$50 W. T. Taisey fund, care of lot in Mountain View cemetery	\$2 46
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of W. T. Taisey lot in Mountain View cemetery	\$2 46
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Received of Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on \$50 Jonathon Davis fund, care of lot in Mountain View cemetery	\$2 46
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of Jonathan Davis lot in Mountain View cemetery	\$2 46
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Received of Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on \$50 S. C. Annis fund, care of lot in the East cemetery	\$2 46
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of S. C. Annis lot in the East cemetery	\$2 46
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LEBINA H. PARKER,
WILLIAM W. EASTMAN,
Trustees of Trust Funds of Benton

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Trustees of the Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. There remains in the hands of the Treasurer as of Jan. 31st, the sum of \$1,652:43.

J. F. LEONARD, Auditor

Report of the Trust Funds for the Town of Benton on January 31, 1926

Date	Name of Fund	Name of Donor	How Invested	Amount	Rate	Bal.	Inc.	Exp.	Bal.
1897	Ira Whitcher	Ira Whitcher	U S Liberty Bond	\$ 500 00	4 1/4 %	\$67 99	0 L 69	\$99 62	\$92 12
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	500 00	4 1/4 %		21 24	21 24	
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	1000 00	4 1/4 %		42 50	42 50	
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	1750 00	4 1/4 %		74 38	74 38	
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	1750 00	4 1/4 %		74 37	74 37	
1917	L H Parker	L H Parker	2 acres of land	300 00			39 00	39 00	
1919	J C Speed	Return from State	Lisbon Savings Bank	134 71	4 %		6 10	6 10	
1921	Samuel Whitcher and Wm. Kendall	Betsey S Kendall	Lisbon Savings Bank	200 00	4 %		9 09	9 09	
1924	William F Taisey	Milo H Annis & wife	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	4 %		2 46	2 46	
1924	Jonathan Davis	Milo H Annis & wife	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	4 %		2 46	2 46	
1924	Samuel C Annis	Milo H Annis & wife	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	4 %		2 46	2 46	

All funds for cemetery lots except 4th for schools and 5th for highways

LIBRARY REPORT

Books in library	300
Books in circulation	60
Received from Henry Ford, The Dearborn Independent for the past six years.	

W. W. EASTMAN, Librarian

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1925	\$46 62	
Library fund	15 00	
Total received	<hr/>	\$61 62
Paid Librarian		12 00
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Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1926		\$49 62

W. W. EASTMAN,
JAMES F. LEONARD,

Trustees

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

In accordance with the vote passed at the last annual school meeting, repairs were made on the school house during the past summer. The total cost of these repairs was \$780.83. This is considerably in excess of what it was estimated they would cost, but as work progressed it was found necessary to make many more repairs than was at first intended. The house has been leveled up, two new windows put in on the northwest side and all needed repairs made. It was also shingled and has been painted inside and out. It is now in good condition and should not need anything more done to it for some years. The schoolhouse at Benton Flats was sold some over a year ago, but has not yet been fully paid for. The balance due on it is secured by a mortgage. The school house on Benton street has been insured for \$1,000.00 and the furniture for \$200.00. The retiring member of the Board is Napoleon Burke.

NAPOLEON BURKE,
JAMES F. LEONARD,

School Board of Benton

SCHOOL BUDGET

Estimate of School Expenses for the School Year, Beginning July 1st, 1926

Teachers' salaries	\$850 00
Health supervision	20 64
Janitor and fuel	75 00
Text books and supplies	30 00
High school tuition	96 00
Elementary school tuition	180 00
Transportation of pupils	216 00
District officers' salaries	30 00
Superintendent's salary	60 00
Per capita tax	60 00
Deficiency appropriation account of repairs	300 00

Total estimate	\$1,917 64
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If you raise by taxation the sum of \$1,125.00 for the support of schools, and \$300.00 deficiency appropriation account of repairs made on the school house, it should be, with the revenue derived from other sources, sufficient for the needs of the school.

SCHOOL REPORT

Financial Report of the Benton School District for the last fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1924 and ending June 30, 1925

RECEIPTS

From taxation:

For the support of elementary schools	\$1,010 00	
For high school tuition	140 00	
For salaries of district officers	30 00	
For payment of per capita tax	60 00	
For superintendent's excess salary	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,300 00

From other sources:

National forest reserve	\$111 45	
Dog licenses	49 75	
Elementary school tuition	25 00	
Income from local trust funds	102 75	
Sale of school house	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 358 95

Total receipts	\$1,658 95
Cash on hand July 1, 1924	238 77

Grand Total	<hr/> \$1,897 72
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PAYMENTS

Salaries of district officers	\$31 00
Superintendent's excess salary	60 00
Expenses of administration	6 17
Teacher's salary	684 00
Text books	29 94

Scholars' supplies	22 63	
Janitor service	23 00	
Fuel	30 54	
Minor repairs and expenses	5 00	
Medical inspection	18 00	
Transportation of pupils	141 25	
High school tuition	140 00	
Elementary school tuition	293 00	
\$2 per capita tax	60 00	
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Total expenditures		\$1,544 53
Cash on hand June 30, 1925		353 19
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Grand Total		\$1,897 72

The district owed, June 30, 1925, a bill of \$69 for transportation. This makes the assets of the district \$284.19.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

During the fall term there were twenty-four pupils registered at Benton Street, ten of these being tuition pupils from Bath and Landaff. At present there are but fourteen. Five children from the Flats are attending school at East Haverhill. Lydia Fillian at Haverhill Academy is the only high school pupil in town.

The average attendance for the school year ending June 30, 1925 was 93.6 per cent. There was but one tardy mark during the year, a very exceptional record. This is a sure indication that the school is functioning properly and that there is a right attitude on the part of the community. Bernard Cox and Welton McKean were not absent nor tardy during the year. There were six no-school days caused by holidays, institutes and bad weather.

Carrie Campbell again has charge of the school and is continuing the good work of last year.

The much needed repairs on the school house makes the building an ornament to the town and by its comfort and attractiveness increases the efficiency of the teaching.

Application has been made for school aid from the state equalization fund and it is quite possible that something may be secured for the present school year. In order to obtain state aid the district must raise one half of one per cent of the equalized valuation of the town, which in Benton amounts to \$1,123.15, and have no district debts. The additional expense for running the elementary schools, within proper limits, is paid by the state. The state does not pay officers' salaries,

high school tuition, unusual repairs, nor the per capita tax. This looks like an opportunity to reduce the cost of schools to the town and at the same time increase their efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN J. PAGE.

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1925

Date of Birth 1925	Name of Child (if any)	Name of Father		Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Mo	Da					
July 2	Woodbury Holt	m	13	Ernest Holt	Benton	Teamster	Hanover	Masine, N. Y.
Aug 2	Edith Roxanna Cox	f	14	John E. Cox	Benton	Farmer	Benton	Haverhill

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1925

Date of Marriage 1925	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age in years		Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Cond. No.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
				Age	in years							
Dec 26	Haverhill	Patrick Boodreau	Benton	24	16	Bridgework	Canada		Canada			P. E. Walsh
		Delia Proolz	Benton			House	Haverhill		Canada			Catholic P. Woodsville

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WILLIAM W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1925

Date of Death 1925	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Years Months Days			Place of Birth	Sex		Occupation	Birthplace of		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		S.	M.		W.	Father		
Mar 16		Peter Chimiclis	46	216	Greece	M	W	Fruit Dealer	Greece	Greece	Arthur Chimiclis	Annie S. Rastois	
Apr 19		Jennie N. Belyea	55	219	Vermont	F	M	Housewife	Canada	Canada	Johnathan Moses		
Apr 19		Nester Pellerin	32	415	Canada	M	M	Weaver	Canada	Canada	F. J. Whitcher	Averasa Hoogton	
May 4		Samuel A. Whitcher	24	8	3	Warren	M	S	Chauffeur	Ireland	Philip Harrington	Annie Morin	
May 17		Mary Harrington	21	21	Manchester	F	S	Office Work	Finland	N. H.	M. M. Crafts	Mary Cobb	
June 2		Vine Pookki	22	5	3	Finland	F	S	Weaver	Canada	John Pentland	Olive Nanis	
June 2		Ralph Crafts	22	22	Beverly, Mass.	M	S	School Shon	Canada	N. H.	Dennis McCarthy	Hannah McDonald	
Oct 7		Mabel Cate	26	23	N. H.	F	M	Operator	Ireland	Ireland			
Nov 11		Thomas E. Pentland	54	9	8	Winchester	M	M	Hotel Prop.	Ireland			
Dec 24		Chas. E. McCarthy	57	7	26	Lynn, Mass.	M	S	Shoe Cutter	Ireland			

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